

IN INTEREST  
OF HUMANITYConference of Charities  
and Corrections.

## AN APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT

Report on "Criminals, Their  
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Richmond, Va., May 8.—Throughout the session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections today, there was an element of appeal to the Federal government for relief of conditions more or less detrimental to the interest of humanity, the echo at tonight's general session being an urgent request to Congress not to pass the bill said to have been prepared by labor union leaders which provides that products manufactured in penal and reformatory institutions, shall be deprived of the right of competition with goods made by men and women about whom there is no stain of criminal guilt.

The report of the Committee on "Criminals, Their Punishment and Reformation," the general topic of the evening session, maintained that one-half of the reformatory and prison inmates are abnormal and should be imprisoned for life. Speaking for the committee, Chairman W. H. Whitaker, Superintendent of the Indiana Reformatory, declared that friendship, States prisoners, W. H. Whitaker, if applied to these unfortunate, would mean the salvation of 50 per cent of their number. Official announcement was made that the committee on Time and Place had selected Buffalo as the conference city for 1908. The choice was between Buffalo, Denver, Oklahoma City and Los Angeles. The conference voted unanimously to confirm the Committee's action.

The establishment by the United States government of a public health department and the appointment of a board of control for the management of United States prisoners, were advocated today at section meetings. Dr. Walter Lindley of California, speaking before the public health section said that the conference should urge to provide a proper health department, even if it was necessary to amend the constitution. In discussing the discipline and employment of United States prisoners, W. H. Whitaker, Superintendent of the Indiana Reformatory at Jeffersonville, maintained that a Congressional Committee was not qualified to look after the conduct of penal institutions, members of which had little personal knowledge of the work.

**Bad Housing Conditions.**  
Miss Harriet Fulmer, Superintendent of the Visiting Nurses Association of Chicago, in an address before the public health section on "The Relation of Bad Housing Conditions to the Charity Worker," said that inferior living quarters came next to intoxication as one of the causes of poverty.

Two-thirds of the reform measures which are yearly talked over at the national conference of charities bear upon bad housing conditions. Two-thirds of the delinquent children come from homes where bad and poor ventilation predominates; two-thirds of the physically ill children; one-third of the mentally deficient children; one-third of the shiftless mothers; two-thirds of the deserting fathers; come from the same homes.

Miss Fulmer stated that drunkenness leads the list in causes for the necessity of reform work but that bad housing conditions are the next. Her plea was for a national concentrated action for better housing conditions for the poor and small wage earners.

Housing reforms is not a local effort; it is a great national problem. It touches close to the practical solution of the great white plague. It means moral, decent citizenship. Some excellent work has been done by the tenement house committee of New York, the City Homes Association of Chicago, the committee of one hundred

on public health. These movements are either local or interested in all the sources affecting public health. What we want in order to awaken national interest and widespread reform is one great movement with housing reform as its only specific purpose. All this work should be under municipal control, but until the public conscience is awakened we are not going to make any great strides in reforming conditions.

The special meeting of the day devoted to statistics was perhaps the most interesting, the features being a paper prepared by Frederick L. Hoffman, statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, in which he attacked the system of old age pensions and the reply of Mayor George A. Hibbard, of Boston, declaring that he would not discharge the old employees of his city who had worn away their health and energy in its service.

**Old Age and Poverty.**  
Mr. Hoffman discussed at some length the subject of old age as the cause of poverty, stating at the outset of his address that the problem of the aged poor is world wide and something must be done for them either through private charity or the State. The problem which confronts society is whether what is to be done for the aged poor should rest on a sound economic basis, rather than that the circumstances should be governed by irrational and precarious sentiment. The subject of State pensions in old age is attracting a considerable amount of attention in the United States and a special commission has been appointed in Massachusetts to examine into its practicability in that State. In Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida and other States attention is being given to the subject of State insurance upon a voluntary and compulsory basis. In England the investigations and reports find their most radical solution in the universal old age pensions, beginning with the age of sixty-five, for an amount of \$1.50 a week.

In continuation Mr. Hoffman discussed in some detail the technical problems of old-age pension systems of Germany and Austria, and at some length the numerous proposals for the United States. He stated that the only workable solution of the extremely complex problem, but much more preferable would be measures and methods by which any State system of old-age pensions could be avoided.

Mr. Hoffman then discussed methods of voluntary savings and insurance, holding that much could be done to support in their old age, and that much more could be done in this direction if the masses were educated in effective methods of thrift. It held that the result of ill-spent savings, and what is needed most is rational education in household economics. The agitation for old-age pensions in trust and individual savings, and the ill-spent result of ill-spent savings, and what is needed most is rational education in household economics. The agitation for old-age pensions in trust and individual savings, and the ill-spent result of ill-spent savings, and what is needed most is rational education in household economics.

**Safeguard Against Poverty.**  
Concluding, the speaker said that the chief safeguard against poverty and dependence in old age is a thoroughly sound and well-conducted family life, such as prevails in the preponderant majority of American homes. In this truly lies the strength of the people, and not in the money in the banks, nor, for that matter, in policies of insurance, or in contracts of annuities. All these are means to an end, but at the root of the problem of poverty and old age lies the problem of family life, individual responsibility, and this, no doubt would be weakened and partly destroyed by reliance upon State support in old age.

**PAVING WORK DONE.**  
Burton Avenue Sidewalks Completed—Paving of Montgomery Street.

City Engineer A. R. Gilchrist made official inspection of the paving of sidewalks on Burton Avenue yesterday and said that they were good. The paving is continuous along the one extensive block on the Avenue.

Representatives of the Southern Bituminous Company of Memphis, contractor for the paving of Montgomery Street, have arrived in the city and within a few days will install their machinery for the laying of the bituminous pavement. The apparatus is now in Mobile where the company has been working.

**TUTTLE AVENUE EXTENSION.**  
Filing of Deed Makes Continuation of Street Possible.

The formal filing of a deed by which the city of Montgomery obtains a right of way through the Route 1 property, known as the poor house place, makes possible the extension of Tuttle Avenue from Hall Street into the terminus of Thurman Avenue.

The right of way to be gotten is already used in part by the South Jackson Street line of the Montgomery Traction Company which obtained its deed from the owners of the property. The new street will be fifty feet wide.

**DEPOT IN FLORENCE.**  
Southern Railway Will Open Station Soon.

Florence, May 8.—(Special.)—M. C. Browder, Secretary of the Young Men's Commercial Club received a letter from an official of the Southern Railway which stated that the new Southern depot will soon be opened.

The depot was completed about six months ago, but a dispute over the crossing of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad track has delayed its occupation.

The old depot was burned several years ago and the Commercial Club has been working for a new one ever since.

## BEAUVOIR CLUB SOLD

## BEAUTIFUL HOME ON PERRY STREET FOR \$34,500.

E. B. Joseph, an Agent for Unpublished Parties, has been authorized to sell the Beauvoir Club on Perry Street for \$34,500.

The beautiful home of the Beauvoir Club, located on South Perry street, has been sold. For a consideration of \$34,500, a committee of the club members disposed of the property to E. B. Joseph, acting as agent for a party, whose name at the present time is not divulged.

Great interest attaches to this transaction, not only because it represents one of the largest real estate sales of a private dwelling ever consummated in Montgomery, but more especially because of the fact that the building sold is one of the handsomest of the city, and is representative of the wealth and culture of the old South. When, several weeks ago, the announcement was made that the Beauvoir Club would after October of the present year move into the new Bell building, having leased the top floor for ten years, it was also known that the club had selected a committee to dispose of its old home, but until the present time no intimation was given that a purchaser had been found willing to pay the price demanded.

There is no definite information as to the intention of the purchaser of the property with regard to its utilization. Whether it will be used as a private residence, or will be demolished for some other purpose cannot be learned. A rumor is current that the present building will be torn down and the property sold as lots, but no verification of it has been obtained.

In accordance with the terms of the sale, the purchaser assumes a mortgage of \$25,000 now on the property, and the balance of the sum of \$34,500. As soon as the deed of conveyance is signed, an additional payment of \$2,500 will be made, provided the deed be signed within fifteen days after the delivery of the abstract.

The final payment of \$6,500 will be made September 1. The abstract was delivered yesterday, and it is improbable that any hitch will occur in the transaction. Another provision of the sale is that the club be allowed to occupy the property until November 1, but in case of delay will still have a home.

The property formerly belonged to the Knott family, passing into the hands of E. Roman, who disposed of it to the Beauvoir Club on the occasion of its removal from its home on Bibb street, at present occupied by the club. It is ideally located, having a frontage of 134 feet on Perry street and 136 feet on Lawrence street. Set far back in the lot, upon which are some of the most beautiful trees of the city, the handsome dwelling seems typical of the aristocracy of ante-bellum days. The hope has been expressed by many that the property will continue to be used as a residence.

The Beauvoir Club will entertain Monday night at a German, which promise to be the most brilliant of the season. This entertainment will possibly be the last ever given by the Club in its old home, and the air of sentimentality which is induced by the move, tends to make it a peculiarly unusual interest. The Club will be beautifully decorated and the attendance will doubtless be very large. No effort will be spared to make the affair a memorable one in society annals.

**THROWN BALL INJURES SMALL BOY SERIOUSLY.**  
A baseball, thrown by a companion, struck the son of a South Perry Street family, who was playing on the grounds of the Bellinger Heights School yesterday morning, and inflicted a serious injury.

Dealing with the subject of needy families, Porter R. Lee, Secretary of the Charity Organization Society of Buffalo, discussed "The Limitations of charity in dealing with unemployed."

**WORK ON BRIDGES.**  
Span Over Genetta Ditch on South Lawrence Street Completed.

The concrete bridge over Genetta Ditch at South Lawrence Street crossing has been completed by the contractors next will commence work on the bridge over the ditch at South McDonough Street.

Other bridges of similar design and material are to be constructed at the intersection of the ditch with South Perry, South Court and South Hull Streets.

**STEAMER IN DISTRESS.**  
The Washtenaw Stuck Fast on Sand Keys Near Sand Key, Fla.

New York, May 8.—The bare of a Cotton Light burning red in the fog blankets that enshrouded the Atlantic late today, was the signal to the beach patrol of the Chadwick life saving station that a vessel, the tank steamer Washtenaw, laden with oil from Sabine, Tex., was fast on the keys that skirt the shores off Monmouth Beach, N. J., twenty-five miles south of Sandy Hook.

The oil carrier is in no immediate danger tonight, and her crew of thirty men have not been taken off by the life savers who succeeded in shooting a line to the stranded ship.

Several attempts were made to launch life boats which the steamer launched, but the surf was too high. A life boat carried a line to the oil tank and one of the crew was brought ashore in the breeches buoy. He reported that the Washtenaw was wedged fast and that her engines had made several futile attempts to get her into deep water. The steel tank was standing the buffeting seas without much difficulty and it was hoped to get her off on the next flood tide.

The Washtenaw belongs to the Union Steamship Company and was built in 1887 at West Haverpool, England. She was formerly known as the Oxford. The tank steamer has 2,837 gross tonnage and is 315 feet in length.

**ADAIR IS RECEIVER.**  
Atlanta Real Estate Man Will Handle Inman Estate.

Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—Forrest Adair of this city was today appointed receiver for the estate of the late Walker P. Inman, valued in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. The appointment was made by Judge Pendleton of the Fulton County Superior Court on application of John L. Hopkins & Sons, and King, Spalding & Little.

This action follows closely the appointment of receivers for the cotton plant of Inman & Co. of Augusta, in which James R. Bray, one of the heirs-at-law of the late Walker P. Inman estate was a partner.

## TRADESMAN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Of New Industries and Industrial Development in the South.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 8.—(Special.)—The following list, obtained from the Tradesman, indicates the more important new industries established in the Southern States during the week ending today. A careful study of the list will reveal a most gratifying diversification of industries, and a large number devoted to the development of the natural resources of the various States. Among the concerns reporting the heaviest capitalization may be mentioned a \$2,000,000 oil and gas company in West Virginia; a \$1,000,000 lead and zinc company in Oklahoma; a \$350,000 tin company in North Carolina; a \$75,000 warehouse and tobacco company in Virginia; a water works company in Tennessee; a \$100,000 gravel washing plant in Mississippi; a \$120,000 mining company in Kentucky; a \$50,000 oil mill in Georgia; a \$100,000 mining company in Alabama; and an automobile company in Alabama.

The complete list for the week as authorized by the Tradesman is as follows:

**Alabama.**  
Birmingham—\$200,000 lumber company; automobile company.  
Texarkana—\$100,000 mining company.  
Nashville—Woodworking plants, Heber—Saw mill.  
Pine Bluff—Saw mill.  
Hot Springs—\$100,000 oil and gas company.

**Georgia.**  
Adelphi—\$50,000 oil mill.  
Ashland—\$30,000 automobile company.  
Louisville—\$5,000 construction company; \$25,000 gelatine works.  
Montgomery—\$25,000 construction company.  
Hickman—\$10,000 gin and grain company.  
Hannibal—\$8,000 light and ice company.  
Madisonville—\$150,000 mining company.

**Kentucky.**  
Cincinnati—\$6,000 creamery.  
Demarest—\$40,000 oil and gas company.  
Mt. Sterling—\$12,000 telephone company.  
Glasgow—Saw mill.

**Louisiana.**  
New Orleans—\$30,000 oil company; \$200,000 gravel company.  
Shreveport—Two \$50,000 oil companies.  
Holly Springs—\$10,000 chemical company.  
Columbus—\$10,000 planing mill.  
Brookhaven—\$100,000 gravel washing plant.

**Missouri.**  
St. Louis—\$50,000 construction company.  
Kansas City—\$5,000 supply company.  
North Carolina.  
Washington—\$50,000 manufacturing company.  
Milford—\$50,000 chair factory.  
Rural Hall—\$25,000 veneer and lumber company.  
Waynesville—\$250,000 flume company.  
Gastonia—\$75,000 ice and coal company.

**Oklahoma.**  
Oklahoma City—\$100,000 light and power company; \$25,000 spring bed factory; \$100,000 steam cooker company.  
Mountain View—\$10,000 loan company.  
McAlester—\$15,000 construction company.  
Nowata—\$5,000 brick and tile works; \$5,000 oil company; \$18,000 oil and gas company.  
Sapulpa—\$10,000 oil and gas company.

**Texas.**  
Garvin—\$15,000 supply company.  
Harrah—\$25,000 land company.  
Manitou—\$15,000 cotton gin.  
Alma—\$15,000 cotton gin.  
Tulsa—Two \$25,000 oil companies; oil refinery.  
Checotah—\$50,000 oil and gas company.  
Alpine—\$10,000 oil company.  
Blount—Lumber company.  
Guthrie—\$1,000,000 lead and zinc company; \$250,000 oil and gas company.  
Korn—Telephone system.  
Muskogee—\$10,000 oil company; land company.

**South Carolina.**  
Lancaster—\$20,000 water works.  
Aiken—Gip and phillips plant.  
Columbia—\$30,000 phosphate plant.  
Nashville—\$10,000 laundry.  
Gleason—\$10,000 canning factory.  
Elizabethton—Water works.  
Rockville—\$5,000 manufacturing company.

**Tennessee.**  
Mingus—\$8,000 brewery.  
Shiner—Ice factory; ice house to assist.  
Shelby—Amusement company.  
Ft. Worth—\$10,000 lumber company.  
Charlotte—\$10,000 cotton gin.

**Virginia.**  
Kenbridge—\$75,000 warehouse and tobacco company.  
Pulaski—\$20,000 foundry and machine company.  
Richmond—\$50,000 bracket works.  
Norfolk—\$5,000 land company.  
Chester—\$20,000 oil and gas company.  
Charleston—\$45,000 coal and coke company.  
Grafton—Land company.

**DISTRIBUTING FUNDS.**  
Colonel Craig is in Albertville Carrying for Sufferers.

Albertville, Ala., May 8.—Col. J. W. Craig, U. S. A., who is here to assist in distributing the appropriation made by Congress for the storm sufferers, has been advised that between \$12,000 and \$15,000 will be available for Albertville and vicinity.

The amount will not be paid in cash, but will be used to provide tents, coats, blankets, food and clothing. One car load of tents has already arrived. Colonel Craig's report showed that approximately 1,250 people in Albertville and vicinity were rendered homeless and needed assistance.

**GIFT TO BIBLE SOCIETY.**  
Mrs. Russell Sage Offers Big Sum on a Condition.

New York, May 8.—The American Bible Society has received from Mrs. Russell Sage an offer to contribute \$500,000 toward a permanent endowment for the society, on condition that an additional \$250,000 will be contributed by the same purpose before the end of the fiscal year.

The reports of the organization for 1907 show that during the year the society distributed 1,500,000 Bibles, Testaments and Scripture portions. These were printed in about 100 different languages, and were circulated in all parts of the globe.

**RECLAIMS PLAYER.**  
Meridian Ball Team Demands Out-Fielder Josh Devore.

Meridian, Miss., May 8.—The local association tonight sent a telegram to August Herrmann, Secretary of the National Commission, Secretary of the National League Club, to which he was sold last year for \$750.

The terms were \$750 cash with the balance to be paid May 1 or the player returned. The last payment was not returned, and the player is accordingly demanded. Herrmann wires he will take the matter up at once.

**College Baseball.**  
Chattanooga, Tenn., May 8.—University of Chattanooga, 4; Birmingham College, 2.

## FIELD DAY ON CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENGAGE IN OUTDOOR CONTESTS.

T. D. Haas Scores Highest Individual Points and Miss Ligon of Mobile is Crowned as the Queen.

University, May 8.—(Special.)—The annual University field day exercises took place yesterday and proved to be a great success in spite of the heavy clouds and wintry breezes.

While the crowd in attendance was somewhat smaller than heretofore, the athletic contests were larger than usual and the Athletic Association is \$50 better off as a result of the day's events.

In the morning the comic field day stunts were pulled off. These included the potato race, won by B. T. Hauer; the three-legged race, won by R. E. Dukes; and the H. Slaughter; turtle-back race, won by C. S. Hurd and Jere Austin; shoe race, won by R. D. Duke; wheelbarrow race, won by D. B. Pratt; and the 100 yard dash, won by W. H. Slaughter, with B. L. Neolin a close second. D. B. Pratt came in for third place.

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## WILL BREAK CAMP.

Alabama Artillery to Leave Fort Morgan Sunday.

Mobile, May 8.—(Special.)—The Mobile and Selma artillery companies, now encamped at Fort Morgan for instruction and practice with the big coast-defense guns will break camp Sunday morning and return to this city during the day.

"We are being treated royally," said a member of the Mobile battery, who was in town on leave this morning. "We are at a disadvantage in the drill as infantry. We have never handled rifles before in drill and were thrown into this camp on short notice. With the big guns, we soon caught on, but the infantry work came hard. However, we are learning and next year we will be ready for any work they see fit to put us at."

**Knights Go to Biloxi.**  
Mobile, May 8.—(Special.)—The Mobile Council, No. 564, Knights of Columbus will assist in the initiation of a large class by the Biloxi (Miss.) Council Sunday morning. About 250 Knights will go from this place and after the initiation, they will be tendered a reception and banquet. They will return to Mobile midnight Sunday.

**Cleveland Improving.**  
Lakewood, N. J., May 8.—Further encouraging reports came today from the hotel where former President Cleveland is still confined by illness. Mrs. Cleveland is doing much better, and her husband is doing splendidly. It is expected that plans will be made to remove Mr. Cleveland to his home at Princeton as soon as normal May weather arrives.

**Tragedy at Macon.**  
Macon, Ga., May 8.—Special Officer Jack Wilson tonight shot and killed Lonnie Williams, driver of a sanitary wagon, at Crump's Park. Williams had been making trouble at the park, and when Officer Wilson put him out he fired three times at the latter. Wilson was shot in the arm, but he instantly.

**French Balloon Contestants.**  
Paris, May 8.—Count Henri de La Vaulx, Jacques Faure and Alfred Le Blanc, the aeronauts, have been selected as the French representatives in the international balloon contest for the Coupe Gordon Bennett, cup in Berlin October 11.

**Verdict Against London Times.**  
London, May 8.—John Murray, the publisher, has secured a verdict of \$75,000 damages against The London Times because The Times accused the publishing firm of extortion in selling the paper of the late Queen Victoria at a high price.

**Ludovic Halevy Dead.**  
Paris, May 8.—The death is announced of Ludovic Halevy, the well known dramatic authority and novelist. Halevy was a member of the French Academy and was born in this city July 1, 1834.

**Pivot Bridge Club.**  
Mobile, May 8.—(Special.)—The members of the Pivot Bridge Club and the substitutes, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Donald, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Northborne Clarke, were delightfully entertained today by Mrs. Shelton Sims at her pretty home on LeMay's Place.

The handsome hydragons in blue and white, decorated the rooms and tables where a dainty ice course was served and the prize for each table was a cake plate in Haviland china.

The annual meeting of the Clara Schumann Club the following officers were elected: Mrs. George Lettwith, President; Mrs. Neander Crane, Vice-President; Mrs. John Moulton, Secretary; Miss Louise Flinn, Chairman of Music Committee; Miss Emile Boone, Chairman Executive Committee, and Mrs. James R. Hagah, Musical Director.

**Huntsville Wins Game.**  
Decatur, May 8.—(Special.)—Huntsville defeated Decatur in a fast game of baseball today. Huntsville, 15; Decatur, 11.

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